International Air-Service from Kanpiir

1246. SrtRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start an international air-service from Kanpur; and

(b) if not, what axe the reasons there-No, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) International traffic ex-KLanpur is negligible. Kanpur is, however, adequately connected with Delhi, the nearest gateway point.

Transfer of turbo-prop aircraft to Vayndoot

1247. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire fleet of turbo-prop aircraft of the Indian Airlines is going to be transferred to Vayu-doot as per the recoirimendations of the Bfllimoria *Committee;* and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH T\'TLER): (a) Though the Billimoria Committee did not specifically recommend transfer of the fleet of turbo-prop aircraft from Indian Airhnes to Vayudoot, it has been decided that such a transfer should take place.

(b) The decision to transfer turbo-prop-aircraft to Vayudoot is, *inter alia* due to the requirement of such aircraft for short-haul commuter operations of the compaay.

Apporntmeot of Chatrman of Air India

1248. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2361 given in the Rajya SaUia On the 19th March, 1986 ;uid stiUe:

(a) whether Government have appointed a full time Chairman of Air India;

' tt>) if riot, what are the reasons for delay in making the appointment; and

(c) by when a full time Chairman of Air India is likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)^ (a) No, Sir. '"

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken so far as to whether Air India will have a Chairaian-cum-Managing Director- or a part-time Chairman. At present, the Secretary, Civil Aviation i? the part-time Chairman of Air India with tenure tipto l(hh June. 1986.

Complaints regarding nonservinc of vegctarai^n meals etc. on Indiaa Airlines flights

1249. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: WiU the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether complaints regarding no»-serving of vegetarian breakfast/meals *o»* Indian Airlines flights are being received frequently and such cases are on the increase; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE M'INISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) and (b) Few complaints have been received from passengers regarding shortage of vegetaripn breakfastslmeals On Indian Airlines flights. Such complaints are maioiy due to non-vegetarian passenger^ opting for vegetarian items on certain days of *iBte* week. To meet such situations, Indian Airlines have started providing some extra vegetarian meals.